

# Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations

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### Information in response to the question of whether other states consolidate the oversight functions of ethics, lobbying, and campaign finance into a single entity

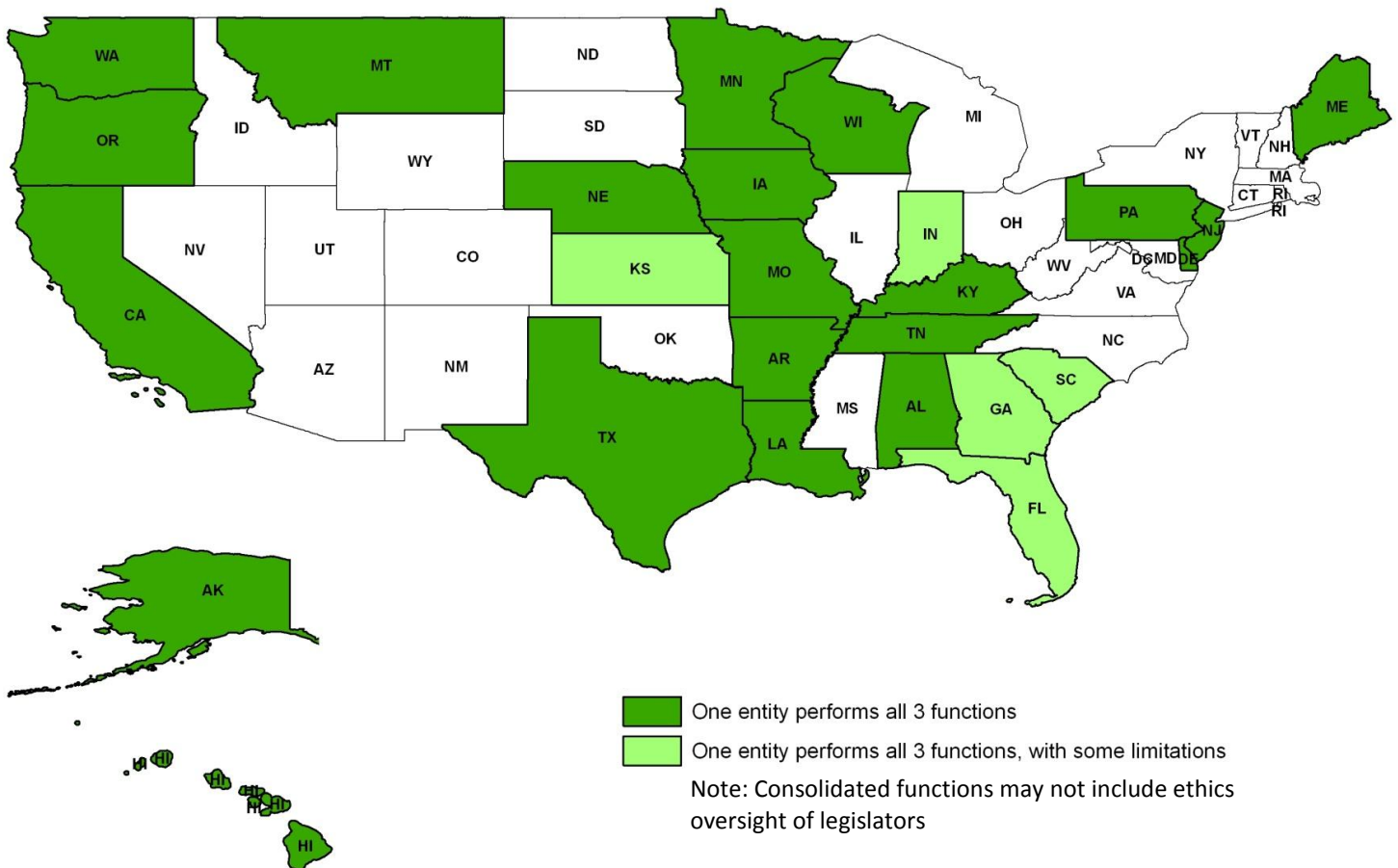
#### North Carolina:

- State Ethics Commission
- Secretary of State – Lobbying Compliance Division
- State Board of Elections – Campaign Reporting Division

#### Overview of all States:

- 48 ethics or oversight commissions in 41 states  
(no commissions in AZ, ID, NH, NM, ND, SD, VT, VA, WY)
- Authority of commissions varies
- One entity performs all three functions, with some limitations, in 26 states

#### States in Which One Entity Oversees All Three Functions: Ethics, Lobbying, and Campaign Finance



### State Entities Identified by NCSL as Overseeing Ethics, Lobbying, and Campaign Finance

State Entity	Notes
Alabama Ethics Commission	
Alaska Public Offices Commission	
Arkansas Ethics Commission	
California Fair Political Practices Commission	
Connecticut Office of Governmental Accountability	Office established in 2011 to serve the administrative functions for nine boards, commissions, and offices (not included in map because separate commissions exist under the Office)
Delaware State Public Integrity Commission	
Florida Commission on Ethics	Authority over executive branch lobbyists; legislative lobbyists must register with the Legislature
Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission	Legislators, candidates & lobbyists - executive branch related only to disclosure forms
Hawaii State Ethics Commission	
Indiana Lobby Registration Commission	Legislators, candidates and lobbyists - not executive branch
Iowa Ethics & Campaign Disclosure Board	Legislators file their financial disclosure statements with the board, but board has no other authority over legislators; Authority over lobbyists and executive branch lobbyists only.
Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission	Has authority over lobbyists, but registration and disclosure forms are filed with the secretary of state
Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission	Legislators, candidates & legislative lobbyists
Kentucky Executive Ethics Commission	Executive branch, candidates and executive branch lobbyists.
Louisiana Board of Ethics	
Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics & Election Practices	Commission can investigate legislators but matters are adjudicated by the legislative ethics committees.
Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	
Missouri Ethics Commission	
Montana Commissioner of Political Practices	Unless the complaint involves a legislative act.
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission	
New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission	
Oregon Government Standards and Practices Commission	
Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission	
South Carolina Ethics Commission	Jurisdiction over executive branch, candidates and lobbyists
Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance	Previously, the two agencies that provided oversight to ethics and campaigns were separated in 2006 by the Comprehensive Governmental Ethics Reform Act. In 2009, the Ethics Commission was consolidated with the Registry of Election Finance.
Texas Ethics Commission	
Washington Public Disclosure Commission	Legislators file financial disclosure with the commission, but the Legislative Ethics Board enforces the ethics codes.
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board	

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